

Attorney Docket No.: 209406-84004 (formerly 65072-0145)

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2 and 4-18 are pending in the application. By this Amendment, Claims 17 and 18 are amended, and Claim 3 is canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested in light of the following Remarks.

Applicant gratefully acknowledges that the Office action indicates that Claim 9-18 are allowable. For the reasons set forth below, it is respectfully submitted that Claims 1, 2 and 4-8 are allowable.

1. The Office action rejects Claim 3 under 35 U.S.C. §101 over U.S. Patent No. 6,635,344. The rejection is respectfully traversed.

By this Amendment, Claim 3 is canceled, thereby rendering the rejection moot. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

2. The Office action rejects Claims 1-9 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over Claims 1, 5, 6, 11, 15 and 16 of U.S. Patent No. 6,635,344. The rejection is respectfully traversed.

By this Amendment, a Terminal Disclaimer obviating the rejection under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over Claims 1, 5, 6, 11, 15 and 16 of the '344 patent application is attached hereto. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance of the application is earnestly solicited.

Should Examiner Le believe anything further would be desirable in order to place the application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

It is believed that any additional fees due with respect to this paper have already been identified. However, if any additional fees are required in connection with the filing of this paper, permission is given to charge account number 50-3145 in the name of Honigman Miller Schwartz and Cohn LLP.

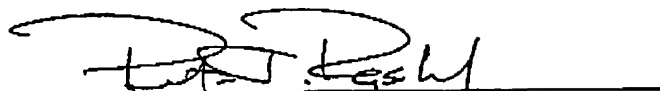
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